

Dear Neighbor,

I have some good news to share regarding state bonding funds for New Haven.

Recently, the State Bond Commission approved the release of funding for several significant projects in New Haven.

As your state Senator, I take pride in helping to secure funding for construction, expansion and renovation initiatives that help make New Haven a better place to live. I believe that the state must be an active partner in helping communities to develop.

I have included some additional details about these projects. If you have comments or questions, please call me at my office.

Sincerely,

Martin Looney
Senate Majority Leader



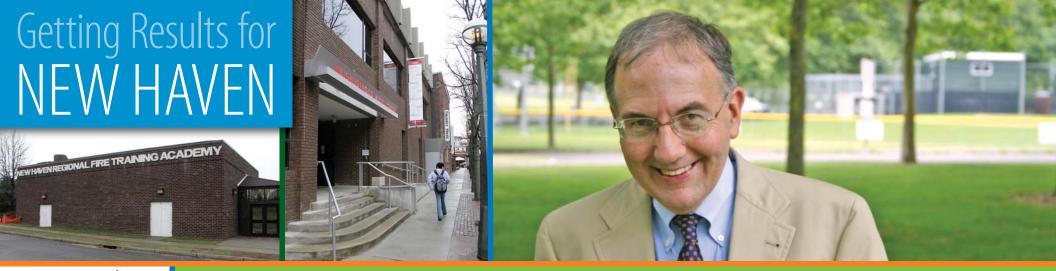
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# STATE SENATOR MARTIN LOONEY

#### **Courthouse Renovation**

More than \$1.1 million has been approved for renovations to the Elm Street Courthouse on New Haven's historic green. Nearly \$900,000 will go to much-needed exterior repairs including fixing the once-beautiful columns, statues and staircase, as well as the facade and roof. The remaining \$300,000 will be used for interior improvements including carpets, paint and a new heating and cooling unit that will make the courthouse more comfortable for court workers and the public.

### **Improved Music Facilities for Greater New Haven's Students**

The State Bond Commission also approved \$1.1 million for the Neighborhood Music School of New Haven for major structural improvements including necessary safety and structural improvements, mechanical and electrical upgrades, code improvements, handicapped accessibility and program expansion. The Neighborhood Music School was established in 1911 as part of the settlement house movement to assist New Haven's new and growing immigrant population. It became an independent, non-profit corporation in 1950 and serves the entire region.

## **New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy**

This is a critical training facility that helps both New Haven and Hamden continue to offer the superb services their residents deserve and expect. That's why I am proud to have helped secure \$367,912 for additions to the facility. The money will finance a new "burn building" necessary for training of firefighters. The funding will also go toward a vehicle and equipment storage garage, training props and site improvements. Renovations to the existing administration building include new fire alarms and improvements to comply with the American with Disabilities Act.